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## Preface

The Oklahoma LEADERSHIP, ACHIEVEMENT AND EDUCATION PROGRAM (LEAP) began in the fall of 2002. Kyle Dahlem, Director of Teacher Education and Minority Teacher Recruitment Center, requested that the Oklahoma State Regents fund the development of a middle/junior high school curriculum designed to encourage Oklahoma students, especially minority students, to consider a career in the field of education.

Dr. Susan L. Erwin and Dr. John R. Erwin of Erwin Education Associates were awarded the contract to administer the development of the Leadership, Education, and Achievement Program (LEAP) curriculum in October 2003. The first draft of the curriculum was completed in May 2004. Teachers were trained in the use of the curriculum and the course was field tested during the 2004-2005 school year.

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